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Letter dated 7 December 2007 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter of 31 August 2007 (S/2007/721) has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

With reference to the agreement contained in paragraphs 138 and 139 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome (see General Assembly resolution 60/1), they take note of your intention to designate Edward Luck as your Special Adviser on Responsibility to Protect, at the Assistant Secretary-General level, on a part-time basis.

With respect to your intention to appoint Francis Deng as a full-time successor to Juan Mendes and to request from the General Assembly an upgrade in his position to the Under-Secretary-General level, the members of the Security Council, being disposed to consider favourably your proposals, would welcome an outline of the new mandate (as had been previously provided in the annex to document S/2004/567) and further details from you on the implications of the change in title for Mr. Deng's post set out in your letter. They recall their support for the crucial role played by the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General, as set out in the statement by the President of the Council of 28 August 2007 (S/PRST/2007/31).

(*Signed*) Marcello **Spatafora**
President of the Security Council

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